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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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COMPLETENESS IN CHRIST

In the Will of Christ we have Eternal Life—Out of His Will, we Perish

S. W. Latimer, General Overseer

"And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power." Col. 2:10. Christ is all and in all to the believer; He is his light, his salvation. From Him all his blessedness is commanded. Thru Him he is enriched with all the precious promises, and with Him he shall spend an eternity of pleasures and joy forevermore.

First, our redemption is complete in Christ. He is the only living and true Redeemer. He has sanctified every claim; He has finished the mighty undertaking; He has obtained eternal redemption for us. With Him it originated. He cried, "It is finished." "But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." Gal. 4:4,5.

Second, our justification is complete in Jesus. He is the great meritorious cause of justification. He is the medium of our justification. Believing in Him, we are justified freely. "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins. And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses." Acts 13:38,39. Hence remission of sins is to be preached in His name. Our justification is so complete in Christ that an attempt to unite anything else with His merits, will entirely prevent it from being effective.

Our holiness is complete in Christ. He is made unto us justification. His blood cleanses us from all sin. "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7. "For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? and for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance." Heb. 9:13-15.

His mind possessed by the believer is holiness to the Lord; His Spirit dwelling in them is a holy spirit. They are called by grace to His holiness. His example which they imitate, and the model to which they are daily conformed, are holy. All their holiness they derive from Him and it is complete in Him.

Our peace is complete in Him. His Word, the word of peace, the legacy which He has bequeathed to His church, is peace. His peace He bestows and His peace dwells in us richly. We possess our peace and comfort thru believing in Him. His kingdom is peace. "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men." Rom. 14:17,18. "Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means." 2 Thess. 3:16.

Our services are complete in Christ. We serve God by the aid of His grace. Our services are only acceptable as they ascend thru the medium of His merits and are rendered holy by His personal intercession to His glory. They must all be done in His name and to His glory. "Whatsoever ye do, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." Our triumph over our spiritual adversaries is complete in Christ. He supplies us with an invincible armor. He is the captain of our salvation. We triumph always in Christ. "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place." 2 Cor. 2:14. We are more than conquerors thru Him who loved us. "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors." (Please Look On Page Two)

Moving On For God

SALEM, W.Va. (Dec. 23) - Brother Sells of Logan W.Va. has just closed a three week's meeting at this place. Eternity alone will tell what good was accomplished in this revival. Brother Sells brought the messages in a clear, convincing, uncompromising manner, backed up by the love and power of the blessed Holy Spirit. The saints all seemed to be greatly revived, and determined to move on in unity and love. Some were saved, about six sanctified and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Seven were added to the Church and more to come in later that could not be there at that time on the account of sickness. We have never had a preacher at this place who seemed to be more loved by saints and sinners too. Great interest was shown. Altho the influenza epidemic was bad here, the crowds were very good. There is a ripe field here to reap for God. Pray for us that God may have His way and that all will move steadily onward, hand in hand, that God may be glorified and His cause prosper. One who loves God and His church.—Mrs. P. C. Brown.

EVERY SERVICE WAS GOOD

SHELBY, Ind.—We have just closed a five weeks revival. The Lord surely did bless. Every service was good from the first one to the last. The writer did the preaching for the first three weeks. I was successful in getting Brother Moreland, his wife and two daughters for the last two weeks. They rendered fine service. The messages were striking. Their music and singing was great. The church here surely appreciated their service and welcome them back again. Thirty-five were saved, twenty-four sanctified, thirty-one received the Holy Ghost, and twenty-one added to the church. Anyone wanting a revival, would do well to get Brother Moreland and his workers.—C. H. Standifer, pastor.

Ohio Ministers' Meeting And Cincinnati Dist. Convention

The Ohio Ministers' Meeting and the Cincinnati District Convention convened at the Middletown church, Jan. 11th-13th, 1929, with E. Haynes, State Overseer, and J. H. Ingram, District Overseer, in charge, both presiding in a way which seemed good to us and the Holy Ghost, as God's blessings rested upon every speaker, it seemed as never before, and a most wonderful spirit of unity prevailed throughout the entire meeting.

The service was called to order by Brother Ingram at 7:00 p. m. Friday, with songs, music and prayer. At 7:30 Brother J. D. Wilson, pastor of the Middletown church, gave the welcome address and made all of us feel at home, after which Brother J. T. Lewis, Chas. Ingram, S. Scalf, J. H. Hamilton, J. C. Bailey and Norman Thomas responded with many encouraging words from their respective fields of labor.

On Saturday the day services were devoted to business, in which many matters of importance pertaining to the work throughout the state were discussed. Thirty ministers including all ranks were present and all seemed to have been greatly benefited by this meeting. One Free Pentecost minister was received in the Church at this time, together with four other applications for the ministry who were taken through the examination by the State Board.

At the evening service Brother Joel Stamper brought the message on "Spiritual Strength," the subject being greatly demonstrated at the time, as God's approval surely did rest upon the speaker, and the large congregation.

I NEED YOUR PRAYERS

TAMPA, Fla.—We read in the Bible to confess our faults and pray for one another that we may be healed. My body is afflicted and I am in need of healing. I have been afflicted with T. B. three years and seem to get worse all the time. While at the 1926 Assembly my husband felt led by the Lord to go to Texas in the ministry. And while waiting outside of the prayer room for prayer to be healed, the Lord showed me He would heal me if I would go. I refused and did not get healed. We came back home and my husband went back to work, very much discouraged, as he felt that he could not go and leave me, not knowing how soon he might be called back, possibly to bury me. However, later on he was given a work at Branford and Ft. White, but felt at the end of the year that his work had been a failure. So he came back home more discouraged than ever and went to work again. Now he is so discouraged because the Lord hasn't healed me. He says he almost detests the idea of ever preaching again. I never intended to tell anyone of the incident, but God showed me that I must, so I have asked the Lord to forgive me and give me another chance and I will be obedient. My husband says if God will have mercy and heal me, he will go in His service at the first opportunity and feels that he can yet be a blessing to humanity. I humbly ask the saints everywhere to pray for us as we are in great trouble.—Humbly, Eunice Connatser.

The Devil Fought Hard

TROUTDALE, Va.—On Jan. 14th, Brother I. H. Brabson, our pastor, started a revival here. The power of the enemy was great and the devil fought hard, but thru Brother Brabson's preaching and the humble prayers of God's children, God gave victory at last. Brother Brabson preached the Word with love and great power. Four were saved, six sanctified and three received the Holy Ghost during the revival. On Saturday night, the 26th, we observed the Lord's Supper and washed the saints' feet. The meeting lasted twelve days and on Sunday night we had prayer service and two were saved, two sanctified and one received the Holy Ghost, also one has been sanctified since, making a total of six saved, eight sanctified, and five received the Holy Ghost. Our prayer services are still going on. Please pray for this place for the enemy is strong here.—Yours in Christ, John C. Conklin.

OUR FINANCIAL INTEREST - NEW DRIVE -

S. W. Latimer, General Overseer
Some time ago we put a notice in the paper asking that the ministers and laymen on the field write us concerning plans for another dollar drive to help on the church's indebtedness. We have received a good many letters from most all the states where our churches are located. All favor a new drive with the exception of three. These three suggested other plans similar. We have only gotten a few dollars in the last twenty days on the old drive. Evidently they have sent in about all that will come in.

This was one of the most successful drives ever put on by the Church. At the 22d Annual Assembly we owed approximately \$64,000.00. With the sale of the Cate building and the drive, our obligations were reduced to \$30,725.67. (See page 41 of last Minutes.) Of course the Cate building sale was a great help in lifting this debt. The question has been asked, "Will one more dollar drive pay our debts?" With the sale of some property that we do not need, one more drive with the success that we had in this one, would pay every debt. We have sixteen acres of vacant land that we thought we had a purchaser for last Fall, but this trade didn't materialize. We still have a prospect for a sale in the near future. If one more drive pays the debts, we will have to sell this surplus property, which we are doing our best to sell. We paid a little over half of the loan and certificates in 1928, and if we have a successful drive, we will be able to pay the rest in 1929.

At this writing, all financial obligations for the church are secured by its own property, and there are no individual signers who are personally responsible for any of the debts. The banker in Cleveland has been very kind to us. We feel very grateful to him for his kindness. The \$30,725.67 is drawing interest every day, and it accumulates fast. The Lord has helped us so far, to meet every obligation. We have the most loyal people in the world.

Our new drive will begin March 1st. There will appear in the paper the first of each month, beginning April 1st, the name of each church that goes over the top. Come on, let us pay every debt that we owe by next Assembly, and pray that God will help us sell this property that we do not need.

Orphanage

We still owe for some of the orphanage property. We are going to continue to send out the solicitors' slips and the envelopes with the picture of the two little orphan girls, and give a Bible as a premium for every \$12.00 sent in by these solicitors. Those working for this premium should be careful and let the giver understand that this is not included in the dollar per member. In other words this will not count on the drive that the churches put on with their members. You can solicit among the members, but let them understand that whatever they give to these solicitors will not be counted on their dollar that should be given thru the church. The reason that I am trying to make this plain is because we had some misunderstandings last year. Several of the members thought, giving to these solicitors would count on their dollar per member. I hope all will read this carefully so you will not make this mistake in this drive. Envelopes and solicitors' cards will be sent on application. With best wishes, I remain,

THE COMING OF THE LORD

When the Fig Tree Putteth forth leaves, know ye that summer is nigh

J. A. Bixler

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also. I believe from this reading of Scripture (only one verse) that it alone should convince the gainsayers of the coming of Christ, because it is Christ's own words just before He ascended and sent the Holy Ghost back upon His followers. Some doubt as to His coming, because they do not believe He ascended into the heavens, but we know He landed back into heaven because He did what he said He would. He sent the Holy Ghost we know, for He testifies of Himself, speaks in tongues and magnifies God. Most people now believe in the second coming, but many of them differ as to the manner and when He is to come. We know the Bible treats of two advents and most everyone has agreed that He has come and we are expecting His soon coming again. His first coming was for the salvation of the soul. His second coming will be for the salvation of the body. At His first coming He came secretly from Heaven and was born of a virgin, and then was made public and proclaimed as king—Luke 19:28-40—as His first coming was visible, literal, so His second coming shall be also. While there are to be two stages of His second coming and seven years at the longest, possibly shorter, will intervene between the two comings. The first stage of His coming will be known as the Rapture, when Christ comes into the atmosphere of the earth and the bride will be caught away to meet Him. 1 Thess. 4:16,17. The second stage will be known as the Revelation as Christ comes all the way to earth and sets His feet again on Olive's brow and is seen by all. 2 Thess. 1:7-9. As we have already mentioned—most everyone believes in the second coming, but they have many theories that will not measure up to the Scriptures, but we must let every man be a liar but God the truth. We will now notice some of these theories and see whether or not they are Scriptural.

1. That the coming of the Lord is spiritual and was fulfilled at Pentecost. This theory is absolutely without foundation in the Bible, as we (Please Look On Page Two)

I'M GLAD I HEARD HIS VOICE

STARKVILLE, Miss.—Have you heard the voice of Jesus? We read in Matt. 11:28, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." O I am so glad I found that sweet rest. While Satan and his forces are trying to pull down and destroy every precious soul he can, may the dear Lord help us to be humble every day of our lives, for I am sure we can sweetly rest on the bosom of our precious Savior, the One who was born in the manger, and had to be carried away at night by an angel to keep Satan's force from taking His life. I thank God, the angel came and warned Joseph and he fled away with the child, so then He lived the holy life and set the example for us to follow. Some one may say, how can we follow Jesus and how can we know we are following Him? Listen, dear saints, when we are real humble and can feel His sweet presence flowing all over and thru our bodies, then of course, we are made to know that we are in fellowship and following Him. How I trust that God will stir us this year as never before and that He will give us such a "go ye" spirit that we will go in haste to tell poor, lost humanity about Jesus and His great everlasting love.

We read in Jer. 31:3 that the Lord had appeared of old unto me saying, "yea I have loved thee with an everlasting love, therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee." Prov. 10:12 says, "hatred stirreth up strife; but love covereth all sins." So I am sure if we will obey the voice of Jesus, He will keep us sweetly covered with His banner of love. I have been in this way for about nine years and for about six years I have given all of my time in the services of the Lord and the Church of God. I humbly ask every child of God to pray that I will stay on the battlefield until Jesus calls or comes for us. God bless every one and help each of us to do our very best for Him this year.—C. G. Edwards.

Home Wonderfully Blest

MIDDLESBORO, Ky. (Dec. 7)—Dear Evangel Readers, I wish to praise God this morning for He has so wonderfully blessed my home. He saved two of my daughters and saved, sanctified, and filled my husband and one daughter with the Holy Ghost. All who read this may know that I am overjoyed for my husband has been a very wicked man for the last three years.

Some time ago I got saved. Later I got sanctified, and received the blessed Holy Ghost from Heaven. I greatly praise God for all He has been to me. Brother Bostic was at Beans Fork just a short while back; we had meetings two nights. There were four sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and two saved. There are three to be baptized later.

I ask all the saints to pray earnestly for my home that it may remain a house of prayer; also pray for my husband's unsaved daughter that she may be saved before the last call. Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Ellen Hendrickson.

A Wonderful Revival

Brother A. G. Edmonds came here the 10th of November and found a few saints. We had been praying for the Lord to send a preacher here, and we thank the Lord because He answered our prayers. We did not have any Church of God here, we rented a building and started a revival the 8th of December. The Lord blest from the beginning. There were ten saved and six sanctified and three received the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4, and the Church of God was set in order with twenty members and others to follow. The devil opposed but the Lord gave the victory. We organized a Sunday School, there were thirty-three present the first Sunday. There is a wonderful outlook for the Church of God in this part of the state. We would like to get in touch with Brother Earl Paulk. We want all the saints to pray for the church here. We are in the midst of divers kinds of doctrine, but we believe the Church of God has come to East Alton to stay until Jesus comes.—E. L. Medley, clerk, 187 1/2 Goulding Ave.

THE CROSS OF CHRIST

Every Christian Has A Cross to Bear—Let us Be Faithful

J. B. Cole

"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." Gal. 6:14.

This letter to the Galatians was written by Paul, possibly while in his hired house in Rome. He was falsely accused and brought before the Sanhedrin in court in Jerusalem where he might have been released, but he had appealed to Caesar, therefore, he was sent to Rome for trial. So after his arrival he was released. He then rented a place and began to preach the Gospel, no man forbidding him. He was here two years and no doubt this letter was written during that time. The letter is a rather lengthy one. Paul had many things to admonish the Galatians. It seems that there were some who were rather weak saints among them. It appears also that there were some false prophets passing through the country, trying to turn them from the truth.

You can readily see by reading a few verses preceding our text, that the things highly prized by others were despised by the apostle. The Jews boasted that they were children of Abraham—like people of today who claim to be children of God. They pay the preacher, go to church and Sunday School on Sunday and on Monday "eunice", lie, and steal. The Jews wanted everybody circumcised, not that it had anything to do with bringing them to God, but that they might glory in their flesh. They did not keep the law themselves. They said to Jesus on one occasion, "Abraham is our father." To this Jesus answered, "If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham." It is true they were the seed of Abraham, but were not doing the works of Abraham.

The Pharisees who were of the three sects of Judaism in the time of Christ, boasted of their superiority over others. The name means "separated by special works", all Hebrews who separated themselves from every kind of Levitical impurity, following the Mosaic law purity. Their influence was so great they even ruled the Sanhedrin and Jewish society. They were like some religious sects of today—they tried to monopolize religion. Jesus said to them, "Ye hypocrites, ye honour me with your lips, but your heart is far from me." They say and do not. They love the chief seats in the synagogues and to be called master. They oppress the people and do all their works to be seen of men, devour widows' homes and pray long prayers for pretense, compass land and sea to make one proselyte, making him twofold more the child of hell than themselves. They won't enter the kingdom of Heaven, nor allow others to go in. These are the kind of people who claim to be superior to others. They pay tithes of mint and anise, and omit the weightier matters of the law. Jesus said, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess." No wonder Paul despised their boastings. We have such people as this to encounter today. They build fine churches, pay their preachers to preach to suit them, and say, nobody is right but us, you must join our church or you will be lost. They stand on street corners and pray long prayers to be seen and heard of men. Some members of these so-called churches oppress the poor, take things that don't belong to them. They are self-righteous. Outwardly they appear beautiful, but inwardly they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. They outwardly appear righteous unto men, but inwardly they are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. Yes, they are church members and appear to be good people, but they have never had any change of heart. They claim to be following Christ and yet say, we must sin every day. They don't even know Christ, being only hearers and not doers of the Word.

These so-called church members are like those Pharisees, they claim to be superior to other people. They boast of their pastor! "He has attended the best college and universities in the country and assumed all the (Please Look On Page Two)

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Editorials

Since last report we have received 66 subscriptions and renewals. If those who love the paper would ask their friends to subscribe I am sure that we would receive many more in the next few days.

If you fail to get your Evangel, please write us. We want you to have it. We are doing our best to get it to you.

Those who get their mail general delivery, are supposed to call for your papers. Some have failed to call for their paper until the postal authorities have notified us that we would have to stop it, then in a few days here comes a letter notifying us that they are not getting their paper. Sometimes the mistake is here in this office, but when we find it, we are always glad to make the correction. Come on, friends, and help us work for the Evangel. We can't make it go without your help.

OHIO MINISTERS' MEETING

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gation was blessed and lifted up in their souls until Heaven seemed near rather than ever before. The speaker told how God had blessed him with spiritual strength and also how marvelously God has supplied his financial needs, at times under adverse conditions. Other ministers were exhorted to preach the full Gospel and keep on the field with full assurance that God would supply all their needs as Paul said, "According to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." All the brethren seemed to take on new courage. The service came to a close with an altar call, Brother A. L. Derry in charge.

On Sunday morning after a wonderful song and prayer service, the speaker was called to the stand to give a talk on Sunday School work. This was followed by an address on the same subject, by Brother Lawrence Hughes, District Sunday School superintendent, the Lord continuing to bless greatly. At the 11:00 o'clock service Brother T. R. Warden brought the message, using for his subject "Divine Government." The Lord being present confirmed His Word by witnessing with His Spirit in a most wonderful way. At the afternoon service we were favored with an address on "Home Missions" by Brother W. G. Rembert, after which Brother J. E. Barrick, returned missionary from India, gave an interesting talk on the mission work in that country. Our hearts were stirred to the very bottom and words fail us when we try to describe the benefits derived from these stirring addresses. The service came to a close with a message in behalf of the orphans, by Mrs. T. R. Warden, the Lord continuing to bless in an unspeakable way. An offering amounting to \$30.00 cash and pledges were given by the congregation.

At the evening service Brother Elisha Mays conducted a testimony meeting in which the Lord blessed above measure. Time and space fail us when we try to describe it. Brother Loman Bengtson exhorted us with many good sayings, then Sister Mary E. Hughes came forward and spoke at length, encouraging all to press forward in the walk of faith. Brother A. L. Derry, brought the closing message, a soul-stirring sermon, with a good altar service, many seeking God. —C. B. Huff, clerk of the convention.

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A Hope Beyond The Grave

RIPLEY, Tenn. (Dec. 28) - I am glad that I can say that I am still in the battle for lost souls and feel the sweet assurance of eternal life, praise His name! I expect to ever stand true to God and give Him the glory for what He is to me. I am so glad that He gave me the blessed Holy Ghost and keeps me from day to day. Pray for me, dear saints that I will live here on earth to please my Saviour and when I'm done with this life I can truly say that I am going home to live with Jesus. Bless His name! - Rebecca Allen.

THE CROSS OF JESUS

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titles assigned to any minister. He is an able and competent speaker. We pay him a fine salary each month. This is the kind of preacher that tells them they can go to worldly amusements and sin every day, then go to Heaven. He makes them twofold more the child of the devil. To this class belong doctors, lawyers, professors and other professional men and women. They belong to these fashionable churches. The columns of the papers are full of the numerous socials, accompanied by the photograph of the distinguished ladies and gentlemen who were either guests or in some way connected with the society. Such people are seeking honor, fame and renown, yet they are church members.

The Jews treated with contempt, the person and rank of Christ. Christ to them was an imposter. They hooted at the idea of Him calling Himself the Son of God, thereby making Himself equal with God. They were looking for Christ to come, but not in the manner in which He did come. They expected Him to come from a royal family. There went out a decree that all should be taxed, therefore Joseph and Mary came to Bethlehem, the City of David, for they were of the lineage of David, and Jesus was born and laid in a manger for there was no room in the inn. So the Jews rejected Him as their promised Messiah and sought to kill Him, because they thought He was going to restore again the kingdom to Israel and didn't do it.

He preached humility, meekness and mercy. He was the Son of God, the only begotten of the Father, but condescended to the poor, low and degraded as well as the rich. He preached principally to the poor and vile, of love, truth and mercy. He is doing the same today, although not in person, but thru human instrumentality. There are not very many wealthy people who receive Him, because they will not humble themselves to Christ, but the common people receive Him gladly.

His Gospels were to the Jews who were His brethren and God's chosen people, and His disciples were fishermen, which no doubt, were esteemed by most of the Jews in that day, to be a very low calling or occupation. These attributes of Christ were contemptible to the Jews. Paul gloried in them, but most of all in the cross of Christ. I tell you Paul had good reasons for glorying in the cross of Christ. Just think what it meant to us. Had He not suffered and died, we would still be in our sins, because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sin. We no longer offer a sacrifice once each year for our sins as people did under the law. "For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect." Heb. 10:1. The blood of the bulls and goats which the people offered each year was typical of the blood of Jesus, therefore could never make one perfect. "But this man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God." Heb. 10:12.

Since Jesus died for us, He gives us pardon for every transgression, redeeming us from all sin and gives us peace. Oh the joy we have when we know we have been redeemed from the terrible curse sent on the world for men's disobedience. "In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of His grace." Eph. 1:7. Just think of how He was mocked, slapped, spit upon, beaten and then nailed to the rugged cross to suffer and die for you and me to be sanctified. "Wherefore Jesus also that He might sanctify the people suffered without the gate." Heb. 13:12. What a sacrifice He made for lost humanity, then, some people wonder why we pray to God in Jesus' name. All the blessings we receive come thru Him. It is thru Him we live and have our being, our only access to God. He is our mediator and sits on the right hand of the Father, making intercession for us.

The cross of Christ is the great incentive to the love and service of God. We love God because we love Christ, therefore, we serve Him with all our heart. It intensifies our love for God when we think of Him sending His only begotten Son into this sin cursed

PRIDE

YOUNG PEOPLES' MEETING
Atlanta, Ga.

Now we have the subject of pride, and first of all we want to see what pride is, if it is something we need or not.

Webster says that pride is: (1) To display, or spread, as a bird spreads its tail, to be exalted, or elated. (2) A proper sense of personal dignity and worth; honorable self-respect.

We wish to look at pride from two angles. There is a pride that builds up, and a pride that tears down. The pride that has caused this world so much trouble, is the one we will notice first. Did you ever see a man (yes, I said man), or woman who thought only of themselves, or what THEY could do, who would brag and boast on the "BIG I" until they had no time to help others, and thought THEIR importance second to none? I have, and some of them were PREACHERS too, who would get in the pulpit and after boasting of what THEY had accomplished, for the first half hour, would proceed the last half to tell the SISTERS where PRIDE was taking THEM to. There is such a thing as one being lifted up with PRIDE over HUMILITY. I knew a man who would strut, and boast that HE was the most humble man in the Church, and wanted them to pray that he stay that way, that HE didn't want a BIG PLACE, and that HE was satisfied with the LITTLE place where the blessings of the Lord came on HIS LIFE.

Another character was a man who would go to worship and for fear of getting exalted, or carried away with pride, he would wear a pair of overalls, and them none too clean; his hair and flesh bald in need of care; he would not brush his teeth with a brush and paste for fear of USING a REMEDY, forgetting that the Bible said, "cleanse yourselves from all filthiness of the flesh," perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord. The good old Book is a remedy for all our ills. This same fellow would get up to praise the Lord, but instead of praising the Lord, he would boast that HE was dead to pride, that HE didn't care how HE looked, that HE loved the Lord more than fine clothes and that PRIDE was killing the Church anyway. Now this is putting on public display, the worst form of pride.

We will now look at another character, a man, who got saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost, who before he found the Lord was always in filth and rags, because he spent the money he earned for whiskey, tobacco, and other unnecessary things until there was nothing left to buy things so needful for himself and family. He was always discouraged, and truly didn't care for anything, or anybody. After the Lord cleansed the inside, he felt so blessed, he at once set about to clean up the outside. When he came into the next service he looked like a new man, and truly he was PROUD, proud of his dignity, self-respect, and his personal worth.

The life and death of our Lord Jesus is a standing rebuke to every form of pride that would puff us up, or that is liable to make us think more highly of ourselves than we ought to think.

The Birth of Christ

You shall find the BABE wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger. A lowly place indeed! When He came to His own country they were surprised at the mighty works He did, but said, "Is this not the carpenter?" and then began to make mention of His family, naming them James, Joseph, Juda, Simon, and his sisters.

world to die for His people. We sometimes sing, "The old rugged cross has a wondrous attraction for me," and truly there are many things to attract our attention, but at the mention of Christ on the cross, our minds revert to the day He suffered and died. It is the only constraining power to induce us to love our fellowman. I can think of no other power strong enough to force people to love one another, because they can be so hateful and mean at times that nothing on earth can cause them to be good. But O how closely the love of Christ binds us together.

Then thru Christ the world shall be raised from the ruins of the fall, and shall be the object of the song of the redeemed forever. We gain thru Him all that we lost thru Adam. This old body dies and goes to the mother earth from whence it came, and our souls go back to God who gave it, but it's a wonderful consolation to know we shall receive another body, a glorified body and we'll not be troubled with headaches, toothaches, nor mumps, because there will not be any sickness nor deaths in Heaven. And the redeemed of the Lord shall sing and praise Him for the great sacrifice He made to redeem them from a life of sin. Joy and gladness shall be upon their heads forever and ever. Oh glory, I tell you Paul had good reasons for glorying in the cross of Christ, because it meant everything to him.

Saints of God, it means the same to us, so let's not let the devil decoy us away from the profession of our faith, to follow after the world and commandments of men, but cling to the old rugged cross, because not only does it give us pardon, peace, and sanctification, but from it flows all the blessings of salvation.

His Wealth

He had no farm, no bank account, no place to call home. When the scribe told Him that He would go with Him wheresoever He went, the Lord said, "The foxes have holes, the birds of the air have nests but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head."

His Civic Pride

At Jno. 1:46, we read this query: And Nathanael said unto Philip, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip made the answer, Come and see.

Personal Appearance

In Isa. 53:2 we read: "For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground; he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him."

Reputation

Many think they could afford to follow Christ if it were not for their reputation. They think the price THEY would have to pay would be too great, the reproach of the cross too heavy, and the persecutions unnecessary in these "enlightened days." We are no better than those who have followed Him in other days. Jesus was called the friend of publicans and sinners.

As to His Learning

Some have asked me why the highly educated did not follow Jesus in holiness, and I tell them that not many mighty, nor many noble are called. The Lord has given THAT class a chance to show forth His praise in the earth, and they have made shipwreck of their faith, trying to educate righteousness into the people, which the Lord never intended should be done. The Jews were amazed at Jesus, and asked, "How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?" Jesus gave glory to the Father by saying, "My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me." If we would preach the doctrine of Him that sent us, and leave OUR OWN WISDOM out, the Lord could use us more to His glory. It is when we come to the end of OUR strength that the Lord works. The Lord does not work so long as we have any of OUR material left. The SECRET power in winning souls is not intellect, learning, culture, or human eloquence—it is simply and solely the Holy Spirit. A supernatural gospel must be accompanied by a supernatural energy, and then, and not till then, it overcomes the natural heart. All OUR preaching and teaching, though it be the truth of God, is but a sounding brass till God's Spirit puts a divine touch into the utterance. We may speak with an ungrammatical, uncultured tongue, but the Spirit of God will make it go, and not only go, but be effective.

His Superiority

If there should come a time in our lives that we feel superior to the others of God's children, let us look for a moment at Luke 22:27 where Jesus says, "I am among you as one that serveth." And in Matt. 20:26-28, "Whoever is servant among you let him be your SERVANT, and whoever will be chief among you let him be your minister; even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many."

His Success

If at any time we should feel puffed up with pride and think OUR efforts were what made the whole thing a GRAND SUCCESS, open the Bible at Jno. 1:11, "He came to his own and his own received him not," and at Jno. 7:5, "For neither did his brethren believe on him." The twelve were disappointed when they saw their Lord CRUCIFIED AND BURIED, when all the time they were expecting Him to set up an earthly Kingdom, and of course give them a place of prominence in His Kingdom.

If we REFUSE to become puffed up with pride over our efforts to do something for the Lord; the devil will do the next worse thing—get us discouraged, like he did the apostles, and make us feel our work is not really worth the doing after all. While we have not felt this discouraging spirit after having done our best to help in some part of the Lord's work? The wise thing to do is to do everything the Lord said to do, and leave the success, or failure to the Lord, since we know that the battle is the Lord's. I am afraid we look for things too much to our liking, and not enough of "Thy will be done."

His Ability

Jesus made no claim to ANY ability apart from the Father. In Jno. 5:17, He says, "My Father worketh hitherto and I work." The Son of man can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do; for what things soever he seeth the father do, these also doeth the son likewise. In 1st Pet. 4:11, "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of ability which God giveth, that GOD in all things might be glorified through Jesus Christ." Paul made no claim to ability, for in 1 Cor. 4:4, he said, "I know nothing by myself, yet am I not hereby justified; but he that judgeth me is the Lord," and at the seventh verse he says, "Who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory (or boast) as if thou hadst not received it?" So, if we will look to the Lord for the ability we need, and not to our own strength,

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conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, or any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Rom. 8:27,29.

We can do all things thru Christ who strengtheneth us. Our happiness and death are complete in Christ. It is thru His death that we have become the happy recipients of the great joy given to us thru His cleansing. His body perfumed the grave and He radiated it with hope and glory. Death is now the chartered friend of the believer. Death is yours, death is gain. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." Our resurrection and eternal glory are complete in Christ. He is the resurrection; He is life; He is the first fruits. He will change our vile bodies and make them like unto His glorious body; He will confess the righteous and give them a crown; receive them to His kingdom and welcome them into His glory; give them eternal glory. Oh yes, all that is sacred and precious, in the interest of the believer. Whether life, or death, or eternity, it is complete in Christ. How important then that we possess the Savior. Having Him, we possess all things. With Him we are heirs of the promise, heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ. All the honor and glory of our salvation belongs to Jesus. How we should labor to exalt the Redeemer. How necessary to avoid self-righteousness. The completeness must be personally realized by the experience of His grace in our hearts. There must be close spiritual union between Christ and our souls. We must be in Christ and Christ in us.

Jesus is the completeness to all those who possess Him. He has fixed and arrayed this plan by and thru which we may have all things complete in Him. Nothing short of full salvation will do in this life. We must be partakers of this great blessing if we expect to have an inheritance with Him. Oh, let us be faithful and apply our hearts unto wisdom by being filled with love and all the fullness of God that when He appears we may be gathered with Him in Glory.

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know that Christ had not promised to come Himself at Pentecost but had already prophesied thru the prophets, and His own testimony just before He went away in John 14:16. And I will pray the Father and He shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever. Even the spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not neither knoweth him, but ye know him, for he dwelleth with you and shall be in you. Moreover all of the New Testament was written after Pentecost and mentions the coming of Christ one hundred and fifty times, and refers to it every time as yet being in the future.

2. That the conversion of the sinner is the coming of the Lord. This cannot be according to the Scripture, because at conversion the sinner comes to Christ, and not Christ to the sinner, for in Matt. 11:28 Jesus says, Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. John 7:37. The latter clause says, If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. So we see that this is the work of the Holy Ghost or Spirit and not of Christ Himself.

3. That death is the coming of the Lord. This is very erroneous and false to teach such because it would be an utter impossibility for Christ to come to earth at the death of every saint, for a soul passes out into eternity every second and this would necessitate Christ's continuing constantly on the earth, and we know that Christ is busy as High Priest performing His duties in the heavens, so we see the believer goes to Christ, and not Christ to the believers. Moreover, death is a departure as mentioned in 2 Cor. 5:6-8. Being absent from the body and present with the Lord. Jesus did not tell the disciples "I will go away and send death that he may bring you," but He says in Jno. 14:3 if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again etc. Thank God He is coming again Himself to receive us, if we remain faithful unto death. Also death is referred to as an enemy. It robs the body, it is the wages of sin, but we know Christ is love.

4. That the destruction of Jerusalem in A. D. 70 by the Romans was His second coming. This would be mere deception to try to get honest people to believe such, because it is without foundation in the Word, and

we will see the power of God manifested in a remarkable degree, and He will accomplish in us, things that will astonish us and cause our enemies to hang their heads in shame. If we follow our Example there will be no place for us to get puffed up with pride, but in lowliness of mind we will serve one another as He told us to do. He said the disciple was not above his Master, and the servant above his Lord. —Mrs. A. Gann

LOYAL TO THE CHURCH OF GOD

I feel impressed to write a few words to the Evangel in praise to the Lord for the way He is blessing in Wilmington, N. C. Our State Overseer, Brother John L. Stephens, was with us a few days ago and we had some good meetings and the Lord blessed in a wonderful way.

Brother C. W. Coats is our pastor for this year and has charge of "the work in this district. He is a loyal and humble worker for the cause of Christ. We have a few loyal members and are looking forward to the time when we will have a nice building in which to worship. All who read this please pray that the Lord will open up the way for us to get a permanent place. I know that God has many blessings in store for those who live upright and humble. This is the straight and narrow way and praise God, He blesses us all along the way.

We are expecting to hold a revival meeting in the early Spring and ask all the saints to pray that the Lord will be with us and that many souls will be saved, sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost. I am glad to state that I attended the 23d Annual Assembly of the Churches of God and was not a member at that time. Later I became a member and received light on much of the doctrine. Now I have a great determination to serve the Lord and do my best to be prepared "to go up in the Rapture when the Lord shall come or call. We have many trials and temptations, but the Lord always cares for His own and makes a way of escape from the hand of the evil one. Pray much for us that this place will continue to be a soul saving station and will shine as a beacon light to those who are yet in darkness and sin. —R. C. Pierce, clerk.

IT PAYS TO HOLD ON TO GOD

MARION, Va.—I praise the Lord for such a wonderful salvation and for what He is to me. I am glad because He saved, sanctified and baptized me with the precious Holy Ghost. I find in Him all I need. I thank Him for sending Brother Brabson back to us again for our pastor, and for his faithful wife. They are always at their post of duty. Brother Brabson has just closed a revival at Chilhowie, Va., with great success. The Lord surely did bless. There were seven saved, six sanctified, five received the Holy Ghost and five added to the church. They are still having cottage prayer meetings. Some have been saved and two received the Holy Ghost since the revival closed. The Lord surely blessed at that place. There are some fine people there looking this way. Things "looked blue" at first but we just held on to God till He answered by fire. It pays to hold on to God. He is blessing in Virginia. I desire a closer walk with Him so I will be among the faithful, tried and true when He comes for me. I know He is coming soon. I ask all to pray for me and all the saints at this place, that we may have the faith once delivered to the saints.—A sister in Christ, Myrtle Bates.

In the first place Jesus was not at the destruction of Jerusalem, for it was destroyed by Roman soldiers, neither was there any of the things happened there as we are told will happen when He comes. None of the dead saints arose then, neither were any of the living saints translated. It is Christ's purpose to restore Jerusalem, not to destroy it. We also find that the book of Revelation was written twenty-six years after the destruction of Jerusalem and it speaks of the second coming as yet future, so I believe this is proof enough that Christ is yet to come the second time, if He does not come there could be no millennium, for Christ must come before there can be a millennium, so we believe He is coming the second time. How? Just like He went away. Acts 1:11. Bodily, and visible, he went in a cloud and we are told in Rev. 1:7, Behold he cometh with clouds, etc. He went up. How? Alone, but thank God He is coming with angels. Matt. 16:27. So may we all take courage and have faith for our Christ yet lives, and I believe truly is preparing for His second coming, when we shall get to go with Him in the Rapture, if we have oil in our vessels, with our lamps, so let us not sleep, as do others, but let us watch and be sober, and be ready when the cry is made, Amen.

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Notices And Specials

To Sunday Schools on the Fitzgerald District: This is to notify you that we are having an Easter Rally on Easter Sunday at Fitzgerald, Ga. we expect every school on the Fitzgerald District to meet with us without fail.—M. C. Dixon, District Superintendent.

I am ready for work again. Anyone wanting a revival can write me, as I'm giving all my time to evangelistic work. I am only 18 years old. I enjoy working for Him and would like to be with you in a real good old time meeting. I evangelize mostly in Kentucky. My address is: (Miss) Mabel Agnes Hatcher, Williamsburg, Ky.

This is to notify you that I have become reconciled with the Church, and the brethren, and am ready for service. Any one desiring my help can write me at Flat Top, Ala. Box 14. Yours for the cause of Christ.—Mary Ash.

To all concerned: I am now in Louisiana and will be here this year. I would like to hear from some of my friends and brethren. I live near Wisner, Epps, Dunn and Monroe, and if any of these churches need my help at any time call on me. We are having prayer meeting three times a week from house to house and have not room to accommodate the people. Lots of good can be done here, the people are hungry for the truth. Any preacher that drops this way, you will find me two miles west of Gilbert. We are poor, but you are welcome. Love to all.—J. H. Brooks, Gilbert, La.

I am now ready for calls for revivals anywhere.—J. J. York, Worth, W. Va.

This is to certify that Brother E. C. Wood is the district superintendent for the Sunday School on the South Plains District. Let all the Sunday School Treasurers comply with the teachings of the Assembly—the Sunday School offerings each quarter and send to Brother Wood, whose address is 1925 Ave. F, Lubbock, Tex.—M. E. Drake, District Overseer.

This is to notify the readers of the Evangel that I am an evangelist in the Church of God, and am ready to answer calls for meetings, or I would be glad to help some brother in the Gospel work. Thy brother, J. T. Harris, Rt. 3, Roswell, Ga.

The present address of L. G. Rouse, is Catlettsburg, Ky.

This is to notify the public that we are ready for evangelistic work. Our address is Rt. 3, Box 3, Alachua, Fla.—W. M. Newman and wife.

To the churches in La.: You are required by the ruling of the Assembly to tithe your Sunday School offerings to be used for the benefit of new schools. The treasurer for the East Side of the Mississippi River will be Bro. Wilson Sharp, Mandville, La. The treasurer for the West Side of the river will be Brother A. V. Beabe, Epps, La. The mission treasurer is still Sister Amanda Fuller, Dunn, La. I will be with you again soon.—G. C. Dunn, Overseer of La.

This is to notify you that our address now is 528 Monroe St., Zanesville, Ohio. We are here in mission work and haven't any members yet and desire all the saints to pray for us and the work here.—W. G. Rembert.

We have not seen or heard from most of the following members in over a year. If we do not get a report from you by the 1st Saturday in April, we will drop your names from the church list: Mabel P. Donovan, Margaret Donovan, Pearl Donovan, Annie Donovan, L. W. Anderson, W. C. Reams, Catherine Powell, Russell Carroll, D. M. Donovan. We would like to know of your whereabouts and spiritual condition. Also send your one dollar to.—J. M. Tomberlin, clerk, Surrency, Ga.

The 1st Sunday in March is Home Coming Day for the Church of God at Copperhill, Tenn., and as many of our members have moved away to some other place, we hope that all will be able to come home on that day, and those who cannot be with us, will please write so that we may know how you are getting along. We expect to spend the day singing, testifying and such like. A Quartet from the Bible School will be with us, also many other good singers from in and around our own town. A quartet from the Baptist church, and also from the Methodist church I think will be with us. So we will probably have dinner on the ground and just spend the day feasting on the good things of God. So come and let us all feast together, and we give the saints at Etowah a special invitation to come. Also we expect to begin a revival at that time to continue indefinitely. So please remember the date and do not forget to come.—Luther A. Richard, pastor, Box 31.

To the Churches of God in Texas: The Ranger District Convention will convene at Ranger, Tex. March 1-5.

This district includes the following: Ranger, Strawn, Thurber, Desdama and Abilene.

The Weatherford District Convention will convene at Mineral Wells, Tex. March 15-17. This district includes the following churches: Weatherford, Mineral Wells, Ft. Worth and Corsicana.

The Lannus District Convention will convene at Lannus, Tex. March 29-31. This district includes the following churches: Lannus, Ladonia, Paris, Lone Elm, Glen Wood and Blossom.

The Point District Convention will convene at Point, Tex. April 5-7. This district includes the following churches: Point, Lane, Jamestown, Mt. Sterling and Cherry Hill.

The Crockett District Convention will convene at Crockett, Tex. April 19-21. This district includes the following churches: Lone Oak, Hickory Grove, Shiloh, Trinity and Clarks Chapel.

The North Texas District Convention will convene at Electra, Tex. May 3-5. This district includes the following churches: Electra, Bowie, Wichita Falls, Olney, Rochester and Burk Burnett.

The Panhandle District Convention will convene at Mobeetie, Tex. May 17-19. This district includes the following churches: Mobeetie and Shamrock.

The South Plains District Convention will convene at Brownfield, Tex. May 24-26. This district includes the following churches: Brownfield, McCamey, Slaton and Lubbock.

We are expecting the presence of the Lord with us in a mighty way throughout these meetings. You that attended the conventions last year know something of how God blesses in these services. Let us earnestly pray that the Lord will bless; that the Holy Ghost will have control, and that the name of our God will be glorified. Do not fail to attend, come and bring someone with you. If you are sick, downcast, troubled, despondent, or if you want a blessing from God in any way, come to as many of these conventions as you can. I believe that if you will come praying and believing, you will be blessed.

I hope all the clerks, exhorters, deacons, Sunday School superintendents and teachers, evangelists and bishops will put forth a special effort to attend the convention in your respective district, if no more. I desire an interest in your prayers that I may do my best for Him who has done so much for me, and that I may be a blessing to others.—E. W. Williams, Overseer of Texas.

To the Churches of God in Tenn.: I find that very few of the churches in Tennessee have been responding to the mission cause thus far. So I wish to insist that this matter be not neglected, as it is very necessary that this be carried out as directed by the Assembly. It is true that the tithes of some of the churches are not sufficient for their support, but I am sure the pastor can raise the amount required for missions. Just a few cents each month from each member will pay this amount. One of our good preachers is now in one of our large cities working to get a church established, and we are helping to supply his needs from the mission fund due the state (which is one-half of the amount raised), so we don't want him to have to suffer on account of our neglect, or to fail to get the church established. So please don't neglect this worthy cause any further, but let every church attend to this promptly.

Yours for missions,
H. N. Scoggins, Overseer of Tenn.

To the Churches of God in W. Va.: This is to advise you that I have secured the services of Brother D. E. Boatwright, of 933 Bowman Ave., Danville, Ill. to fill the place of State Evangelist for the remaining part of this Assembly year in the state of W. Va.

Many of you ministers remember Brother Boatwright's message on the "Return of the Lord" etc. and know that he is a man with a message for the people, and having known him for years before he came into the Church of God, I can say that he has been a very successful evangelist, and not only so but his messages will be effective in helping to settle the saints and the church in the community in which it resides. His book also that is now off the press, bearing the title of the coming of Jesus ought to be in the hands of the people everywhere. To the churches desiring his service, you may communicate with him at the above address, and arrange thru your pastor for your own meetings.—Faithfully, E. C. Clark, Overseer.

To the churches in S. C.: We have been trying for some time to get the following before you.

NOTICE AND WORK
Dillon Dist.

Overseer, O. H. Tollison, McColl, S. C.

Churches, McColl, Ruby, Bunker Hill, Dillon, Marion.

If you have any conference to hold, get your district pastor.

Rock Hill Dist.

Overseer, J. C. Childers, 133 Adams

St. Rock Hill, S. C.
Churches, Blacksburg, Hickory Grove, Rock Hill, Lando.
Greenville Dist.

Overseer, Zeno Sharp, 203 Parris Ave., Greenville.

Churches, Greenville, Spartanburg, Simpsonville, Belton, Weir Shoal.
Walhalla Dist.

Overseer L. H. Powell, Walhalla, S. C.

Churches, Charleston, Earl, Columbia, Winnsboro.

Sunday School Supt. of South Carolina, J. R. White, Blacksburg, S. C.

Dillon:—T. L. Whittington, Dillon, S. C. (Route.)

Rock Hill:—George W. Cooper, 133 Shaw St. Rock Hill, S. C.

Greenville:—B. F. Davis, Judson Mill, Greenville, S. C.

Walhalla:—Miss Pauline Jackson, Walhalla, S. C.

Columbia:—Ollie Mae Brown, Rt. 6, Columbia, S. C.

Look out for conventions soon. We hope to have both Sunday School convention, and convention of the church work, in every district. Let us do our best this year. What you say—W. E. Raney, State Overseer.

To all the pastors, evangelists, deacons, clerks and workers in Florida: Please read carefully and pray much for the district conventions which will be on the following dates and at the places named below:

Orlando Dist. Convention at Zellwood; March 9th and 10th.

Lakeland Dist. Convention at Lakeland; March 16th and 17th.

Manatee Dist. convention at Manatee; March 23d and 24th.

Tampa Dist. convention at Tampa; March 30th and 31st.

Williston Dist. convention at Williston; April 6th and 7th.

Jacksonville Dist. convention at Olustee; April 13th and 14th.

Bradford Dist. convention at Bradford; April 20th and 21st.

Perry Dist. convention at Carbur; April 27th and 28th.

Linden Dist. convention at May 4th and 5th.

Miami Dist. convention at Coconut Grove; May 11th and 12th.

Ft. Myers Dist. convention at Ft. Myers; May 17th and 18th.

To the clerks: We will have some blanks prepared for you to fill out. These are to be filled out to the first of March or for the first four months of this assembly year.

A ministers' convention at Wimauma begins the night of March 12th and continues thru March 13th. All ministers and workers please do your best to be there, as we have some business that needs our immediate attention. We will expect some great things from this convention.

You can see by the above slate that I have appointments for the entire time from now till the 18th day of May. I will only have a few days off to arrange for the State Camp Meeting. O I feel the fire burning in the very marrow of my bones! There is something in me that seems to be anxious for these conventions to start. Oh say, let's pull down the spark, throw her in high, brakes off, full speed ahead for God and His Church. Glory glory, hallelujah! Read this and begin praying for these conventions. Preachers make your arrangements so that you can visit your brother preacher when the convention is on at his church, it will give you new inspiration, and at the same time be a blessing to them. Everybody meet us at the Orlando convention that can, and let us make the first one a rousing success, and I know that as the convention fever strikes, it will grow hotter till we wind up in a whirlwind of glory and power, Amen. Thy brother, R. P. Johnson, State Overseer.

I would like to get in touch with some of the members of the Church of God at Memphis, Tenn. My phone number is J-1046. I hope some one from this place will see this and call me and give me the information desired.—Ela W. Mobley, 1418 Madison Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

REQUESTS

I am requesting special prayer for my niece who is very sick with bronchial meningitis and asthma. Please pray that she will be saved, also pray that her father and mother will be reclaimed.—Mary Propes, Anderson, S. C.

I ask the saints to pray that God will heal my baby, who has been sick a week.—Mrs. D. L. Cuzzart, Elsie Coal, Ky.

Please pray for my daughter, she has had the flu, and something like rheumatism has set up. We have to turn her in a sheet.—M. Y. Merideth, 1748 Maple St., Louisville, Ky.

Please pray for me, I have nervous indigestion and two flesh tumors. Pray earnestly for me.—R. L. Collette.

Please pray earnestly for my husband, his head is afflicted very badly. I know the Lord can heal.—Mrs. Matt Jent, Johnston City, Ill.

GOD NEVER FAILS

CHICAGO, Ill.—Dear Evangel readers, I read our dear paper closely every week as the dear testimonies of so many soldiers of the cross are strength to my soul. I am glad that

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

SCANTON, Fla. (Dec 3) - I wish to write a few lines to the Evangel as I promised the Lord I would do. I always want to be faithful to God, I am glad I met a friend one day that was called Jesus, and He forgave me of my sins and then cleansed me from all uncleanness, applied the atoning blood that He shed and said it was for all. He gave me the experience as in Acts 2:4 which is the comforter, wherein I find comfort anywhere and all the time. Then He said, "Walk in the light" I am in the Church of God and pay my tithes. I just continued walking in the light as it shone upon my pathway, and when I got sick I remembered where He said He would heal all our sickness and diseases. I said, All right Lord, I'll walk in the light, and I have trusted in the Lord ever since, and have had many hard tests. About two months ago I was afflicted with chills and fever and I began to pray and call on God, I said, Lord you know I have walked in the light, and I am going to continue, though you slay me, yet will I trust you. I told Him that if He would heal me and my baby that was sick at the same time, I would write to the Evangel, and He surely would bless when the saints would come in and pray. One Sunday morning about three o'clock He did the work, for which I give Him all the praise and glory. I live in a very wicked place and desire your prayers, I want my light to shine out with such rays of light that it will bring someone to Jesus and be a light to their pathway. Pray for my family.—Wm. McCents.

PRaise GOD FOR VICTORY

LEWISTON, Mont. (Jan. 20)—I want to sound a few words of praise because five years ago this month I was saved. Before I was saved I drank a little, and after I was saved, for a long time the crave of drink would come back on me now and then. One night I was sitting reading the Evangel. While reading where the Lord had healed so many on promises I said, dear Lord, if you will heal me of this drink crave, I will testify of it, so I praise God for victory, for He has wonderfully healed me. I thank Him for sending Brother M. L. Lowe here from Big Timber, Mont., for it was through him that I got the Evangel. Brother Lowe did wonderful work while here. He surely did preach the Word, he is not afraid to preach to sinners. We need him here very badly, some one who is not afraid to preach to sinners, so I'm praying for the Lord to send him back. I also ask the prayers of all the saints that I may grow stronger in the works of the Lord and do His blessed will no matter what it may be.—A sister under the blood, Leola Mott, 109 1st Ave. So.

Many Things to Praise The Lord For

ELDORADO, Ill. (Jan. 4)—I really thank the Lord this morning for victory thru the blood of the Lamb. While I have many things to praise the Lord for, one thing I especially want to praise the Lord for is the watch night meeting we had. The Church of God at Eldorado is holding a revival. Sister Helen L. Morrow, evangelist, is doing the preaching. Truly the Lord blessed our humble sister in giving out the Word of God. Her text was found in Lev. 13:13. Afterward a goodly number stayed to pray the old year out and the new year in. Brother J. R. Thomas, our pastor, gave a talk. The saints testified and every one felt more determined to do more the coming year for the upbuilding of the cause of our Christ. I tell you, Evangel readers, there are some true blue people here who love the Truth of God's Word. We would not forget Brother Thomas and his dear wife. He is a man that will feed your soul and I'm glad for the "go ye" spirit that he has to spread this Gospel. We covet your prayers. Remember Eldorado Church of God when you pray.—Your humble sister, Mrs. Barbara Bing.

one time I found the real true way to live a Christian. I had tried many years to live a consistent Christian, but was unable to do so until one time I heard the doctrine of the Holy Ghost preached. I humbled my heart and He came into my life to heal and keep. Many have been the trials in the last eleven years, but our God, who never fails, always brought me out with victory in my soul and what a comfort in these last days, are His promises to His children. "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee", etc. He is also a healer of our bodies. Jesus, in His great sacrifice, made provision for the healing of the body as well as the soul. He wonderfully healed me New Year's night, of the flu. Let us all be true to Him in these last days, true to our leaders in the Church of God and true to our paper, the Evangel.—Kate Ramey.

Interesting Letters From

Bible Training School

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CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE

PRaise YE THE LORD

— B. T. S. —

As we are here in school enjoying the good singing, the unity of the students and the Spirit of God as it settles down at times, truly we want to praise the Lord. The Psalmist said, let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. When we look around it seems that the birds, animals, grass and even the trees are praising God. Surely we have more to praise Him for than anyone else, seeing what our forefathers went thru. They were imprisoned, thrown in the lions' den, burned to death and treated in every cruel way that could be thought of. After all this, it seems that we hear them praising God. Calvin and Luther, the reformers, fought for truth and right, went thru hardships and trials, suffered persecutions, and brought us up to this good day in which we live. Surely we have something to praise the Lord for.

Some people will grumble and say, I had to sacrifice so much, and I'm having a hard time. Just look back and see how the reformers sacrificed homes, wives, children and lots of them, their lives, and how they had to steal away in caves to worship, then, we can almost hear them saying, praise the Lord. Why should we grumble and complain when we are living in the best day that any people has ever seen. We can worship God as we please and have but little persecutions. But you will say, those days are gone, why look back? If we are living in the good day, why not be merry? Yes, but we are facing a time such as never was and we all want to escape that time, and we can, if we stay true to Him who fixed the way. So we have much to praise the Lord for, then let us take courage and press on, looking unto Him who let us live in this good day, and brought us salvation that makes us glad and free. Surely we have much to praise the Lord for.—A student, W. F. Sharp.

Do Not Regret Being 1800 Miles From Home

— B. T. S. —

I thank the Lord for saving my soul over two years ago and starting me in this good way of holiness that leads from earth to glory. I thank the Lord for His mighty saving, healing and keeping power, which saves a person from sin, heals his body when he is sick and keeps him in this good, straight and narrow way. Bless His name! I thank Him for healing me many times.

I am thankful to the Lord for the privilege of attending Bible School. I find it to be one of the best places this side of Heaven, a place to read and study the Word of God. Though we are eighteen hundred miles from home, we do not regret it in the least. We are enjoying the good presence of the Lord. I thank the Lord that I can be here and enjoy the blessings of the Lord and the sweet fellowship of the students.

The Lord surely does bless here in the meetings in the schoolroom. Several students have been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost since they came to school. I truly thank the Lord for all His good blessings, and I have a desire in my heart to do something for Him. I'm enjoying salvation and feel the need of a deeper experience with the Lord, so please pray for me, that I may meet every required condition and receive the Holy Ghost and prove to be a blessing to some lost soul.—A student from N. Dak., Paris Schaberg.

Let's Prepare Ourselves For God's Work

— B. T. S. —

I am praising the Lord this morning for His sweet presence. I thank the Lord for salvation. One day when I was wandering in sin, Jesus knocked at my heart's door and I opened my heart to Him. He saved, sanctified and gave me the sweet Holy Ghost which still abides. I feel His presence just now. Thank the Lord! I have a determination in my heart to go all the way with Him. It will

mean lots for each one to be ready for His coming.

This is my second term in Bible Training School, and every day grows sweeter to me. I have found this to be a good place, where the Lord blesses each day. We pray six times daily and the Lord surely does bless. If it were not for God, I am sure we would not be here where His blessings are poured out upon us each day. This is a wonderful place for young girls and boys to learn more about God, how to rightly divide His Word and better qualify themselves for the work of the Lord. We know God has a work for us and we must prepare ourselves for it. We thank God for our faithful teachers, and because He sends His power to encourage the heart of each one. It makes us strive harder to gain our home in Heaven. I desire your prayers.—A student, Nellie Moore.

IT PAYS TO OBEY GOD

— B. T. S. —

Dear Evangel readers, I thank God for the privilege of testifying thru the paper we love so well. I thank Him this afternoon for being in Bible School. Surely this is the best school in existence and I count it a privilege to be a student of same. I praise God for real old time salvation that brings joy, peace and satisfaction to sad hearts and puts a love in our hearts for everybody. I also praise Him for His blood that was shed on the cross and because it has been applied to my heart and life, to the extent that the carnal nature has been eradicated and the sweet Holy Ghost has taken up His abode in my life, which has given me power over this sinful world, to live a righteous life.

I thank the dear Lord for the way He blesses in the schoolroom. Surely He has put His approval on this institution. We really thank God for our teachers. They are always ready to explain and answer any question we ask them. It seemed hard for me to get interested in my studies, entering in at the middle of the term as I did, but I thank the Lord I resisted the enemy and stayed any way. Now I am contented and am glad I came. I expect by the help of God to attend next term also. Pray for me that I will be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might, so that when school is over I will be able to get out on the field for God and win souls for Him, for this is my heart's desire. He has blessed me many times and in many ways. I desire your prayers.—A student, Morris Wiggins, Olustee, Fla.

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GOD HONORS THE SIMPLE

J. B. Weeks

Jesus answered, Verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. St. John 3:5.

I believe the most important thing that can engage the minds of men and women is the New Birth. Without it we can never expect to reach Heaven. First we would like to notice what the new birth is not. It is not joining the church or shaking hands with the preacher or being baptized, or being moral or paying ones debts. Many have done all this and have never experienced what the new birth was. Others have tried to turn over a new leaf, set good resolutions, and failed. Still they have not experienced the new birth. I believe there are many who are depending on morals to carry them to heaven. There are two things morals will do: It will keep us out of the chain gang and also keep us out of heaven, if we depend on it alone.

Second, we would like to notice some things the New Birth will do. It will make us quit the sinning business completely. See 1 John 3:9. "Whoever is born of God doth not commit sin." So we see it is folks who are not born of God who commit sin. Then it is something very important if we can reach an experience in our lives where we will not commit sin. Some say they led up and down lives in this world, but it is all because they are not born of God. Well, it would be natural for a child to have habits like its father, so if we are God's children, we are like Him. Notice Matt. 3:10, "And now also the ax is laid unto the root of the tree, therefore every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire." We see that fruit is what God is looking for, and that is the only thing He will accept—is good fruit. So He has a plan that man can measure up to that will put him in condition to where he can produce good fruit, and that is by being born again. Nicodemus was a ruler of the Jews and knew much. No doubt but what he could explain many things, but the thing most needed he did not know, then Christ tried to explain in verse 14 of the 3d chapter, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so must the son of man be lifted up." Verse 15, "That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life. That was the way Christ explained to the ruler the most important experience. So it is the same way to-day, we must believe on Him, the man Christ can save to-day as He did then. He is in the same business, and when we look to Him thru the eye of faith, then and there we are saved, or born again. We do not need to ask wife or the preacher if we are saved, but we know about it for we were there when it happened. With the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. O if people were born of God, what a good time we would have. We would not need jail houses. If all were born again we would need no locks on our doors. If every body was born again, homes would be happier. It would make husband love wife better; it would make him a better citizen; it would make wife love husband better than any other man; it will cause women to quit jockeying with other women's husbands; it will keep people away from moving picture shows; it will cause people to talk right, dress right and will prepare us for any calling thru life, to which we might be called. I want to hear more preachers preach on the New Birth for that is the most needful. I wish I had a good knowledge of the English language. I regret I can't take care of my language like some of my brothers and sisters, but there is one thing I can do, I can take my Bible and point sinners to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. So dear brothers and sisters, let us rally to the front with this last message, telling poor sinners they must be born again. I feel like going now. Pray for me. J. B. Weeks, Cairo, Ga.

He is Our Physician

GRANITEVILLE, Mo. (Dec. 14)—As I have never written to the Evangel, I thought I would send in my testimony this morning. I praise the Lord for saving me from a life of sin, sanctifying me and baptizing me with the precious Holy Ghost and adding me to the dear old Church of God nearly four years ago. I thank and praise Him for His wonderful healing power. He has healed my body many times. One night I was sick, I laid the little Evangel on my body and in a few minutes the pain was all gone. He has also wonderfully healed my children many times, for which I give Him all the praise. I love Him above everything in this world. I desire all your prayers that I may ever do His will. Your sister in Christ—Mrs. Sylvia Orrick.

In Interest Of The Sunday School

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6. So we truly believe when we bring them up in the Sunday School, we can depend on them to be men and women for God in their future days. I truly am thankful I was brought up in Sunday School and it has always been the greatest desire of my heart to do more in the Sunday School than I have ever done. We want to thank the dear Lord for the Sunday School at Haynes, Arkansas. Since the Assembly, we have taken new courage and our school is increasing in number. Last Sunday we had fifty enrolled, and we are looking for one hundred before long, but we realize it is not the number we have on roll but the interest there is taken in the school.

The way to have a good Sunday School and to keep the interest up is to have good attendance, but to have attendance we must have a good Superintendent, always on time and full of zeal and the love of God, one that takes an interest in their teachers and shows no partiality to anyone, and will always be ready to help anyone when called on to do so. When we see a live Sunday School we will see a live church, for the Sunday School is a nursery for the church. We truly need more men and women that have their hearts in the Sunday School. They need to get it on their hearts till they can't sleep or eat until they get an interest created in the Sunday School. I am praying for God to give me more knowledge and wisdom and love, and to show me how to build up an interest in Sunday School. I spend many sleepless nights crying and praying to God to put it on the hearts of the teachers to wake up and realize their duty and get the fire burning in their souls so that it may flow to the hearts of others. We need to realize that the interest our young people take in Sunday School means our Christianity in the future, when we older ones step off the stage of action and it is left for them to hold up. I think the talk given by Bros. J. R. Thomas and George Lemons, at the Assembly, was good. It did my soul good to hear them. May we as Church of God people, pray one for another and do not forget the young children and pray for God to increase the Sunday School interest among our people, that our churches might shine for God and His glory, for we are looking for Jesus to come soon and catch away His Bride, ever to be with Him in the glory world. Pray for the Sunday School and the church at this place—Edna Malone.

WE ARE COMING

PHENIX CITY, Ala.—The Church of God in Phenix City, Ala. is beginning to come to the front. The Lord is blessing. We have had several messages in tongues and interpretations in the last few days. We are planning to build a church, soon and want all the Evangel family to pray for us, that we will be able to erect the building. Pray for the Lord to continue to bless us.—M. G. Barfield, pastor.

'Tis Sweet to Trust In Jesus

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C. (Dec. 4, 1928)—I want to praise and thank the dear Lord to-night for His wonderful healing power, for He has been so good to me. I was very weak all the summer and was not able to do anything hardly, and got so bad off I could not eat anything. I would pray and send for the saints to come and pray and anoint me with oil and it looked like I didn't get much better, finally I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would testify thru the Evangel and tell as many as I could, so the first Sunday in October He touched my body with His healing power and healed me, and I have been feeling fine and going on with my work ever since. I feel so good sometimes that I just want to get out and tell the people about it, praise the Lord! I do thank Him for His wonderful power, it makes me feel good to think about it, praise the Lord! I am glad tonight finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. He is worth praising, glory to God! I want to stay in the center of His will and always obey Him, and ever be humble at His feet. He has said in His Word He would never leave us nor forsake us, and I know His Word is true, praise His sweet name! My friend, if you do not have Jesus in your life, take my advice and accept Him before it is too late. I want my every day life to be my testimony, for it is not what we say so much but it is the way we live. I want to live a life that will be pleasing to the Lord. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus. Pray for me that I may ever be found humble at His feet and be a light to some poor sinner. Pray also that my husband will be saved before it is too late; that my home may become a home of prayer. Pray for me. Your sister in Christ—Theresa Perdus.

OBITUARIES

TAYLOR

On the 25th day of December, 1928, the death angel visited the home of Mrs. Charlie Shumans and claimed for its victim her mother, Mrs. Mary Taylor. She was eighty-two years old and had been in bed nearly a year. Her sufferings were great and when she first became sick, she was unsaved, but many prayers were sent up for her. The writer and Sister Fannie Duncan visited the home last April and prayed for her. The saints at Aron kept praying for her to be saved. She had one daughter who had the Holy Ghost. She prayed most all the time for her mother to be saved, so God in His tender mercy, saved and sanctified her and though her sufferings were great, she could be heard praising and thanking God for saving and sanctifying her. She told her daughter not long before she died that it was just wonderful to be so happy, so we believe our loss is Heaven's gain. Surely she has gone to be with Jesus. We don't grieve as those who have no hope. We believe if we will stand true to Jesus, we will meet Grandmother Taylor where there will be no more sad farewells.

She leaves to mourn her death two sons, two daughters, one sister and a host of friends. Dear children, mother has gone and left you, never more on earth to roam, but if you will be faithful to Jesus, you can meet her in the sweet by and by.

Her body was laid to rest in the Poplar Spring Cemetery. We know there is no other. Can take the place of mother.—One who loved her, Mrs. Hattie Crews.

JONES

On Wednesday morning about five o'clock, the 5th of December, 1928 our precious loved one fell asleep in Jesus. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones. He was twenty years, eleven months and fourteen days old. He was loved by all who knew him. He was saved, and baptized by a Church of God man about three years ago at Pittsburg, Ga. He was a good Christian boy. His mother belongs to the Church of God and his father is a Christian. He leaves to mourn his death, his wife, a father, mother, one grand-mother, three brothers, one sister and a host of relatives and friends. The funeral service was conducted by the writer at the State Line church near Sulphur Spring, Ga. and his body was laid to rest in a nearby cemetery.

Sleep on dear brother, in Jesus' arms, We know the enemy can do you no harm.

Oh how we miss you, but hope we will greet you Where partings are no more—Ellen Crunkleton, Ladds, Tenn.

WILSON

In loving remembrance of our dear Brother James L. Wilson who fell asleep in Jesus Dec. 5, 1928, in Bowie, Texas, at his old homeplace where he was born in 1848. He was married to Miss Lydia Dillan 1872. To this union were born eight children; only one, Mrs. Lattie Parker, survived him.

Brother Wilson was a devoted child of God. He joined the Church of God a few years ago and was a faithful member. He will be greatly missed in the old home and in the services of the Lord. He was in prayer service just two weeks before he was called away. God wonderfully blessed in the services. He stood with hand up, weeping, and talked of how he loved Jesus and said he was ready to go and felt that he would soon be over there. Many of the Evangel readers will remember him as he was in the great camp meeting last August a year ago, at Weatherford, Tex. He had been poorly for some months and did not get to be in the state camp meeting this last Summer. It brings sadness to our hearts, to say farewell but we have a great hope beyond the grave. 1 John 5: 28, 29.

Sleep on Brother Wilson, in that sweet peace, For the trials of this life we know have ceased; And when at last I reach the portals and am greeted by my own, I expect to find you singing with the saints around the throne.

The funeral was conducted at his old homeplace by the writer as Brother Gaither, his pastor, was absent at the time of his death.—A sister in the Lord, Mrs. Ella Gaither, pastor's wife.

OWENS

On Christmas morning 1928, about nine o'clock the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Owens and claimed for its victim little Lois Ell. She was born Oct. 17, 1927. She was just a bud on earth to bloom in Heaven. We miss her so much. The little form is still and the little voice silent, but our loss is Heaven's gain. The parents were strong in the Lord and trusted Him to the end. She was sick four weeks and bore her illness with patience. All was done for her that loving hands could do, but God called her home to rest, where there will be no more sickness or sorrow, no more sad farewells. She leaves to

mourn her death one sister, two brothers, a mother, father, one grand-mother and a host of relatives and friends.

Little Lois Ell, we miss you,

As your voice we hear no more, But we hope ere long to meet you, On that bright celestial shore.

Just a word to the parents: Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might, let this be a stepping stone to higher heights and deeper depths in the Saviour's love, for now you have a treasure in Heaven. Cheer up and look up, it won't be long.

The funeral was conducted by Brother J. I. Baldree and the little body laid to rest in the Cherry Sink cemetery.—One who loved her, Mrs. R. P. Love.

WILLIAMS

In memory of Verdie Williams who died Jan. 16, 1929, age sixteen years.

While traveling on life's pilgrim way, I will tell of a maiden whom I met one day:

Her cheeks were fair, her eyes were blue, This story I'm telling to you is true.

I saw the picture of death on her face, The death Adam and Eve brought on the whole race,

Then I remembered in Psalms twenty-three, Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

She had salvation, I want to proclaim, She lived for the Lord and died in His name;

Yes, died in the faith like the heroes of old And will live in eternity in the home of the soul.

I fancy I hear her praying now With the damps of death upon her brow;

She lived a life of prayer down here And will shout His praises forever up there.

Little Verdie, like others had sorrows to bear, She's now resting in Glory, free from care;

She received the Holy Ghost just before she slipped away For we heard her speak in tongues like they did in Peter's day.

Oh, for thousands of boys and girls to-day To stand for the right and hear Jesus say,

Thou hast been good and faithful to me, Enter into the things I have in store for thee.

Good-bye, little Verdie, we will meet you again, In the sweet by and by, free from sorrow and pain,

We feel so lonely; we miss you down here, But we are made happy when we think of you there.

As time rolls along, your memory will linger, How you suffered with Him, that you might gain Heaven;

When America's forgotten and the records of time erased,

You will still sing the story of love's redeeming grace.—Written by one who loved her, Kathleen, L. V. Hall.

HAWN

In memory of our precious baby, Junior, who was born and died Aug. 1, 1928.

Such a small break in the sod, So tiny to be a grave; Oh how can we render so soon to God, The beautiful gift He gave?

How can we give you up, my darling? Though your stay with us was brief, We know 'tis God's will, my baby, That you quietly fell asleep.

We loved you so much, precious Junior, No tongue can ever tell, But we must say, amen, to God, Who doeth all things well.

Our hearts are almost broken, Your voice we cannot hear, Till we hear it rejoicing in Heaven, Oh this thought to me is so dear.

We know, my precious baby, We are parted for only a little while, And then we aim to meet you When we are done with our troubles and trials.

As they took you away my baby, To put you in your little cold grave, We can only say, blessed be the Lord who taketh,

Blessed be the Lord who gave.

Funeral services were conducted by Sister Lunar Taylor and his little body laid away in the home cemetery near Obad Junction, Tenn.—His broken-hearted parents, Addison and Rosa Hawn, Lancing, Tenn.

God Is Purifying His Church

STATESBORO, Ga.—I just want to sound a note of praise to my blessed Redeemer for His continual keeping power. I just can't praise Him enough for what He has done for me. I count it a wonderful privilege to live for Him.

First, I want to thank Him for thinking enough of this sin-cursed world as to lay aside His robe and crown and all His wealth and fame in glory. I can see His Father as He looks for someone that He can send to this dark benighted world of sin. Listen to His 'begotten' as He says, Father, I'll lay aside my robe and crown and take upon me the form of sinful flesh and prove to the world that there is a way whereby men and women can absolutely be freed from sin. He will condemn sin in the flesh. I can imagine the very God of Heaven marvelled at the question, yet in His great pity, love and mercy, gave Him permission. God foreknew all things; He knew that He would come into the world poor in this world's goods, but rich in faith. He had faith in His Father when He said to us, "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go to prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also."

He did not promise any great wealth in this world, for He was poor, yet the world was His Father's and the fullness thereof. He did not crave this world's riches, as it was men's souls that He was after. He was anxious to share His father's fortune. Yet, after all His faithful promises He has shown, people seem to disregard and disrespect and grieve His loving heart, after taking the sins of the whole world upon His shoulders. Listen, as He says, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me for I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest unto your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burdens light."

Second, I want to thank Him for His real redeeming blood. Altho we may be strayed away out in the places of sin; we may have reached out with an eager eye after this ungodly world; we may have indulged in ungodliness, but when we come to Jesus with a broken and contrite heart He will come to our rescue, and sanctify our hearts. Then old things will pass away and all things become new. Ah, how I do thank Him because His precious blood is able to eradicate and do away with sin. I thank Him (not because that He had to suffer the spear to be pierced into His side, because I can imagine how intense His pain was), but I do thank Him because He "finished" the plan of salvation.

Third, I am glad that He said, Go ye into Jerusalem and tarry until ye be endued with power from on high; for this promise is unto you and your children and all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Acts 2:39.

Fourth, because that a little over five years ago, one beautiful night, down at God's altar, the burden of sin rolled away from my heart, for which I thank the dear Lord. Then about five months later, after continually seeking His face day after day He wonderfully sanctified me with His own precious blood and I shall never forget that happy night, as it seemed like that everything on earth was praising God for His goodness. But still I was not and could not be satisfied. After continually seeking Him for about four months He wonderfully baptized me with the real walking and talking Holy Ghost, of which I delight in telling, as it is something that never grows old. Since that time many hindrances and obstacles have come up before me, but I realize that He is just purifying His Church, because He said, "Many shall be purified, made white and tried, but he that endureth to the end the same shall be saved." So I cannot afford to become discouraged, because my Saviour trod this way before me. It meant to forsake many of my worldly friends and many relatives because I could not please God and the world too, so I took God as my choice, altho I loved them, but I could not afford to turn my back on the One that has done so much for me, and go down in defeat like many others have done, because my eyes are on the goal, and I cannot take time to look back, because there is danger and probably death in looking back. We remember Lot's wife was turned into a pillar of salt for looking back. God wants people that will face forward and have an upward gaze until they are safely anchored in the portals of Glory. So please pray for me to go all the way and win the prize at the end of the way, also pray for my unsaved brothers and sisters. Yours in Christ—Lloyd Waters.

Had Christmas Service

BOYNTON, Penna.—I want to sound a note of praise thru the Evangel. The Lord is blessing us here at this place. We had all day meeting Christmas, the Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Saints came from Bos-

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AVON PARK, Fla. (Dec. 12)—I

thank and praise God for salvation, also for the work at Avon Park. I feel so thankful for the little band of saints that has been so true and faithful to fight the battle for Jesus at this place. While the Lord has done great things for us, the enemy has done some things too, but we know the victory is ours if we will only stand true to Jesus. For the past two years God gave us for our pastor, Brother Leon Thomas. He is surely a man of God and one who stays in the dust of humility. We feel thankful for Brother and Sister Thomas, for we know they did their best for the work at this place. We hated to give them up, but we feel sure that there are many hungry souls at other places that need them, and we pray God will bless and undertake and give them souls for their hire. Brother W. H. Yates will be our pastor for this year, he is a Spirit-filled man of God and it is just wonderful to know how he is blessed in giving out the Word, and I am sure he will do his best for the work here. We ask every one that knows the worth of prayer to pray for the lost souls at this place.

I am glad to say that on Dec. 6th we had our State Overseer with us, Brother R. P. Johnson. We can never find words to express how we did appreciate having him with us. Surely we enjoyed something like the heavenly breezes as we all sang the sweet songs of Zion together, and O how we did enjoy the real Word of God as He gave it out with power and love. We were made to rejoice and made to feel sad too as he told some of his experience. Surely there were seed sown that will bring forth fruit for the Master. Dear saints, let us pray much for the overseers, pastors and for the workers everywhere for I am sure they need our prayers. I want to say in regard to the Sunday School here that the Lord is wonderfully blessing and everyone seems more encouraged and has a greater zeal to do more for the Sunday School. We desire the prayers for this work. Dear souls, I am glad I can say, as David, The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Unto thee O Lord do I lift up my soul. O my God I trust in thee. Let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me. Dear ones, I love the Church of God of which I have been a member for twelve years. I have not been sailing along on flowery beds of ease all this time, but I can never tell how God has so wonderfully blessed me. My dear Saviour called my husband from this life ten years ago. I know what it is to suffer in many different ways, but O the joy and peace we have within soothes all the aches and pains. Praise the Lord forevermore. A sister in Christ.—Mrs. R. E. Lassiter, Box 474.

Moving On For God

McMINNVILLE, Tenn.—A revival meeting closed Dec. 23, 1928, Sunday night, with great victory. The last night of the meeting we observed the Lord's Supper and washed the saints' feet. The meeting was in session two weeks, conducted by the writer, and during this time the dear saints did their very best, I believe. The dear Lord saved fourteen from their sins, sanctified nine and baptized nine with the Holy Ghost and five were added to the Church of God. Many others are looking this way. We organized a young people's meeting with great interest.

We are moving on here, carrying the banner of the great Church of God, fighting battles and winning victories, as that is the only way victory is ever won. Our altar workers are among the best and are faithful in every respect. The saints are real soldiers here and don't get scared in a battle.

I came to this place as pastor immediately after the General Assembly in 1928. It was my first experience in pastoral work; was young in the ministry, had been preaching about twelve months. I found much encouragement as I found many dear fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters who stand by me so closely, financially, and every way that is necessary. Thank God for all of them.

The Church of God has nothing to look back to, but victory is all we will be satisfied with. We want the prayers of all the saints, that our lights will shine, as a city set on a hill cannot be hid.—J. L. Yates, pastor.

well and Somerset. Our state overseer, Bro. H. W. Poteat, preached a wonderful sermon. At 11:30 a. m. we had praise service. The Lord blessed. At 3:00 p. m. Bro. Kimble, pastor of the church at Somerset, preached a wonderful sermon, subject, The Greater Gift. God surely did bless. There are some good Church of God people in Penna. The work seems to be prospering under the leadership of dear Bro. Poteat; the people all love him. The church here at Boynton surely loves the truth and they stand by their pastor. They are true blue Church of God saints. Pray for us.—Mrs. H. O. Harris.